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Mr. GREEN,

I *PROMISED Mr.* Laconic *to procure the Publication of the following Piece; and am therefore to requeſt the Favour of you to inſert it in your next Gazette, and in ſo doing, you will oblige*

Your humble Servant, A. B.

Frederick County, ——

NOTWITHSTANDING the harſh Epithets of *Knave*, or *Fool*, the Advocates for the Inſpection Law ſo liberally beſtow upon every one, who preſumes to differ from them; yet *I affirm* that the Dropping of that Regulation muſt be of the greateſt Advantage to this Province.

The Argument I ſhall offer, to maintain this Aſſertion, if I am not much deceived, falls very ſhort of Demonſtration, and as I don't remember to have ſeen it in Print, or heard it in Converſation, ſo I hope ſome Merit will be allowed to an Invention, that has ſtruck out Novelty upon ſo ſtale a Topic. The Welfare of the Province depends upon the Price of our Staple;——the principal Source of a low Price is the great Quantity of Tobacco ſent to Market.——This depends upon the Number of People employ'd in the Culture of it. Any Expedient therefore to reduce the Number of Planters, as it will leſſen the Quantity, and thereby alſo raiſe the Price of Tobacco, muſt by unavoidable Conſequence be beneficial to the Province.——Let then the Inſpection Law drop, and near one Half of the Planters will be ruined, and driven away to ſome other Part of the World, which will effectually diminiſh the Quantity, and conſequently enhance the Price of Tobacco.

Your's, &c.

JACK LACONIC.

[N. B. *The Reader will probably ſuſpect, that Mr.* Laconic *is in Reality a Friend to the Inſpection Law; but, on the contrary, he is a declared Enemy to it. The Expedient muſt be owned to be an extraordinary one; and not unlike the Caſe of a Man, who, having ten Children, and not being able to provide Food and Raiment for one Half of them, deſtroyed the reſt to prevent the Diſtreſs of the Survivors.*]

South River, 15th June, 1753.

Mr. GREEN,

AS my Education has been ſuited to my Condition of Life, ſo I never dreamt of poſſeſſing any Talents, ſuperior to it. I ſhould, therefore, hardly have thought of making a public Appearance as an *Author*, beyond the Stile of an Advertiſement *(in which Sort of Compoſition, I have more than once diſplay'd my great Zeal for the Eaſe of the good People of a certain County)*, had I not peruſed *a Paragraph urged* in your Paper of the 7th, by one, who ſubſcribes himſelf, *A Well wiſher for no Inſpection Law*: This elaborate Performance, made me reſolve to *urge a Paragraph*, as well as my *Neighbour the Planter*. You may, perhaps, object to my Performance, a few Inaccuracies in point of Grammar; and what then? Have I not as much Right to talk in my own Way as another? You, therefore, cannot refuſe me a Place on that Score, without incurring the Cenſure of all candid Diſquiſitors.

There is a Tribe of ſnarling Folks, called Critics, who arrogantly and poſitively aſſert, that a Man ought to know the *ſingular* from the *plural Number*, before he ſets up for an Author in any Shape, and that he ſhould alſo be able to diſtinguiſh the material Difference, between *a well framed Argument*, and *a flat poſitive Aſſertion*, before he preſumes to take up the Cudgels in any Sort of Controverſy. But a fig for them, and their Rules; my *Neighbour* has boldly clear'd the Way thro' theſe arbitrary Difficulties, and plainly demonſtrated, by his own unparallell'd Example, that one may be an *Author*, without regarding ſuch impertinent Niceties: From ſo great an Author ty then (for aught I know, as reſpectable as the *ſay ſo* of a certain Philoſopher, I have read of), I will venture to eſtabliſh it as a Maxim, that *Writer* and *Author*, are Words of the ſame Signification, and that every one therefore, who *can write*, may, if he pleaſes *be* an *Author*; and permit me to ſuggeſt a ſtrong Inducement for your favourable Acceptation of ſuch Performances as mine, and my *Neighbour the Planter's*; you have often a Dearth of News, and want ſome little ingenious Eſſays, to fill up your Paper. My *Neighbour's* Eſſays and mine, are ſo far ingenious, as they contain in them a Peculiarity not to be met with in any Authors, in relation to Language, and Argument: For, I think, if the *Devil* was to turn *Grammarian*, and *Logician*, it wou'd puzzle him extreamly to reduce either of them to Rule and Method. Encourage our Labours then, that every one who *can write*, may turn *Author*. You'll thus have Eſſays upon Eſſays; and as every one who *can read*, may, if he pleaſes, with equal Pretenſions be a *Critic*, ſo all thoſe, in ſhort, that can *read*, or *write*, will probably become your Cuſtomers; and theſe two Denominations will comprize all that you can fairly expect an annual Tribute from.

Some People *pretend* that this *Planter* of yours is a Wolf in Sheep's Cloathing; that he is in Reality the *Factor* of a *London Merchant*, and of Conſequence, *a Well wiſher for no Inſpection Law*; becauſe, forſooth, he cannot now ſo eaſily lade his Maſter's Ships as he uſed to do: That under the Diſguiſe of Friendſhip, he endeavours to ſerve an Intereſt ſo pernicious to his Country, that he dares not avow it.——An Intereſt, which nothing but the extream Diſtreſs of the People, can ſupport.

Others *ſays*, that the poor Man is craz'd, or more *Fool* than *Knave*, and rather *inclines* to Pity than Cenſure him, becauſe they *thinks* his Brain is crack'd, having run mad about Elections, and ſo turned *Author* to convince the *Voters of a certain County*, by this egregious Specimen of his Abilities, of his Sufficiency to repreſent them in *a very important Capacity*. Others again *alleges*, that this *arch Planter*, is at Bottom, a Friend to the Inſpection Law; that the *Slyboots* covertly argued in Favour of it: For, *ſays* they, no one could ſeriouſly *urge a Paragraph* ſo ſuperlatively filly, but with a Deſign to expoſe to Ridicule, an Oppoſition founded on the weakeſt, or rather no reaſoning. *But tho' others is been very candid in giving their Opinion*, who this ſame *Planter* is, *my Sentiments on this Head will not allow me to join in their Opinion; for I am certain*, that he is no other, than that moſt illuſtrious Perſonage, *2 in the Corner*. I could advance many Reaſons, and learned Arguments, to countenance this Conjecture, beſides the palpable Similitude of *Stile*, *Argument*, and *Grammar*, to be found in Mr. *2* and this Planter's Labours, when compared: But the ſhorteſt Way is the beſt, and I chuſe therefore to determine the Point at once, after the great Example of my *Neighbour Planter*, by a confident Aſſertion; a very convenient, as well as compendious Method of Argumentation.

It has been obſerved that the greateſt Abſurdities, at ſome Time, have become the favourite Tenets of a Sect, or Party of Men. We need not ſearch after foreign Inſtances to exemplify this Obſervation, when we ſee ſo much intemperate Zeal madden againſt our *Inſpection Law*, whilſt it obtains as an Article of the political Creed, of a Party among us, *That this moſt excellent Regulation, is injurious to our Intereſt, in the great Points of Property and Liberty*. Religion has not yet been engaged as an Auxiliary in the Diſpute; but if the Labours of a certain Reverend, learned, and *hoary* Divine, ſhould not prove abortive, we are to be ſilenced by a full Demonſtration, of the heretical Tendency of every impious Defalcation of the *Forty per Poll*: Thoſe who have already patroniz'd ſuch palpable Contradictions to Fact and Experience, who are ſo unawed by the Authority and Example of every flouriſhing Country, under the Sun, where the leaſt Appearance of Commerce ſubſiſts, as to aſſert, *That every Regulation of Trade is deſtructive of Property, and every Controul of Licentiouſneſs invaſive of Liberty*, are properly prepared to receive it alſo, as an Article of their religious Creed, that the Cauſe and Intereſts of Religion, are endangered by the Inſpection Law.——When Men once yield themſelves up to the wild Suggeſtions of Whim and Caprice, what Extremities of Folly may not be apprehended? But to return to Mr. *2 in his Corner* (for I ſhall now call my *Neighbour Planter*, by his *proper Name*). *I muſt take upon myſelf to anſwer him in a few Points, which he has given the Public, in regard to the Inſpection Law.*

He begins the *reaſoning Part* of his incomparable Performance with an *Aſſertion*, that the Inſpection Law has had no good Effect, becauſe *(quoth he)* the general Accounts of Sales of Tobacco, ſhipped for the laſt two or three Years, have not been higher, and his own in particular, have actually been lower, during that Period, than they uſed to be, before the Regulation took Place; as have alſo been thoſe of certain Gentlemen Planters, of whom (from their reſpective *Corners*, I ſuppoſe), he has had Information. Such is the notorious Character of his Candour, and Veracity, that I muſt not contradict Mr. *2 in the Corner* in the Fact he has aſſerted; but admitting it to be true, and leaving his Honeſty to the Approbation of his own Conſcience, I ſhall endeavour to ſhow, that his principal Objections are frivolous.

The Price of every Commodity is variable, and fluctuating, and eſpecially of ſuch as intirely depends, for it's Conſumption, upon Luxury and Faſhion. We all know that Tobacco, before the Inſpection Law, ſeldom or never ſtood at the ſame Price for any conſiderable Time, and the ſame Cauſe, to which this Variation might be attributed before the Inſpection Law, has, and ever will, produce ſimilar and proportionable Alterations, in the Price of Tobacco, under the Inſpection Law: The Price will be higher or lower, as thoſe Circumſtances occur, which render the Value of every Commodity inſtable and precarious. This Objection (if it may be called one), may be made to every Regulation of Trade, which human Prudence can deviſe. We may encourage the Buyers to deal with us, by taking Care that no Traſh be offered to Sale; but we cannot compel them to buy more than they can vend again, or exact our own Price, or oblige the Conſumers to chew, ſmoke, and ſnuff Tobacco, in what Quantities we pleaſe: All that can be done, is to make ſuch Proviſions, as may eſtabliſh the *general Credit* of our Staple, by preventing Fraud, and bringing the Quality of it to as great a Perfection as it is capable of. This was the Object of the Inſpection-Law.——An Object, that nothing but extream Diſtraction can make us loſe Sight of.

Had we no Competitors in our Trade, it wou'd be indiſcreet to neglect the Quality of a Staple Commodity, which is not only not neceſſary to the Support of Life, but is one of thoſe Articles of an unaccountable Luxury, which requires unuſual Pains to be taken, to conquer a natural Averſion and Abhorrence, before Men can be brought to the frequent Uſe of it. But as we have Competitors, who have for many Years labour'd to acquire, and have *actually eſtabliſhed a general Reputation*, no Language can expreſs the Folly, or Madneſs of ſuch a Neglect, or depaint the cruel Miſeries that muſt neceſſarily flow from it: Beſides, if the Utility of the Inſpection Law is to be inferred from the Accounts of Sales, it will then follow, that as they were higher for three Years immediately after the Inſpection Law (a Fact, which no Effrontery can diſpute), during that Time, at leaſt, it proved a beneficial Regulation, and we muſt therefore, neceſſarily conclude, *if this Reaſoning*

ing be admitted, that we derived an Advantage from it 'til the Year 1750, or 1751, and ever since, it has become unprofitable: But how has it happened that the same Provision has had such different Effects? It cannot positively be accounted for, and, therefore, 'tis to be apprehended, that the Foundation of this Reasoning is defective; and, if it be true (which for Decency Sake I shall not gainsay), That Mr. *Q in the Corner* has had lower Accounts of Sales for two or three Years, last past, than he used to have before the Inspection Law: This very Fact furnishes an additional Proof of what I have suggested, that the present low Price of Tobacco does not proceed from any real Inefficaciousness of the Inspection Law; for not even Mr. *Q can nod so much in his Corner*, as to imagine, that his Tobacco has been *depreciated* by the Inspectors Stamp.

Mr. *Q* may enjoy great Complacency in his *Corner* from the Supposition, that his Objection is unanswerable, he may raise his Crest, swell, and plume himself, in the Raptures of self Admiration; but his Objections are *now* as much ridiculed, as his *former Professions* were laughed at. Whatever may have been the Price of Tobacco for two or three Years, last past, it will still remain to be proved, *that the Inspection has not enhanced the Profits of the Planter, during that Time*, until some probable Argument shall be produced, by which it may be reasonably shown, that Tobacco wou'd not have been at a lower Price, if the Inspection Law had not then existed.

Mr. *Q*'s next Objection to the Inspection Law, is, *that it bears hard upon the poor Tenant*; for *(quoth he)* it may happen, that the Terms of his Lease may oblige him to pay seven or eight Hundred Pounds of Tobacco *per Annum*, and he may not be able to make near that Quantity to pass Inspection, *consequently he will have no Tobacco* (that is, he will not have Tobacco enough) to pay his Landlord, and support his Family; but if there was no Inspection Law, altho' the Tenant should not make such Tobacco as his Landlord would receive, yet he might get something for it. As Mr. *Q* has too much Vivacity to be restrained by the Rules of Grammar, I am not much surprized that his Conclusions are not exactly logical; but it not being my Design to show his Insufficiency in these Respects (which indeed would be a needless Undertaking), I have collected out of the Rubbish of Absurdities, with which it is overwhelm'd, the Objection the poor Man has heard, and honestly intended to retail.

If any Tenants have experienced a real Inconvenience, it cannot be fairly attributed to the Inspection Law, but ought to be charged to the Rapaciousness and Oppression of such Landlords, as have reserved a higher Rent than their Tenants, by a reasonable Application of Industry and Frugality, are able to render. If any Tenants clamour against the Law for no better Reason, than that it has deprived them of the Opportunity of acting dishonestly, their Complaint ought to be treated with, as it deserves, Contempt.

It was impossible for the Legislature, by any Regulation, to ascertain, what Rents should be paid upon future Leases, those were necessarily to be left to the Stipulation of the Parties: However, I cannot believe, that the Greediness of Landlords, and the Necessities of Tenants, are such, as that any unequal Advantage can be generally gain'd by Landlords; it is apparently against the Interest of the Landlord, to exact a Rent, that his Tenant cannot pay, and support his Family; nor is it likely that the Tenant would submit to the Oppression in a Country, where Land may be had upon very easy Terms; or, if the Inspection Law should drop, Oppression would die with it, when it might be palliated under a thousand Pretences, and Temptation and Opportunity would both concur to encourage it.

The Inspection Law does not oblige Tenants to pay off their Rents in Tobacco of a superior Quality to that, which every honest and fair dealing Man wou'd pay, were there no such Law: For none can suppose that any Landlord, when he reserves his Rent in Tobacco, intends to receive *Trash*.——All Tobacco that may be termed *merchantable*, always ought, and it actually does, pass Inspection; ought the Landlord who reserves *merchantable Tobacco*, to be paid in *Trash*? Whose then is the Hardship, or Iniquity? But Mr. *Q* says farther, that if the Landlord would not receive this *Trash Tobacco*, before the Inspection Law, the poor Tenant might sell it to another: By this he would seem to infer, that there is no Fraud, or Dishonesty, when Parties agree to bargain and sell, the Quality of the Tobacco being exactly known; let us grant him this Conclusion, and suppose it never happens, that this *honest* poor Tenant (who *will* not trick his Landlord, when he *cannot*), imposes upon an ignorant, or careless Buyer, yet the Affair, I am afraid, will terminate at last in either a public or private Fraud: May not the *poor Tenant's* Chap purchase this *Trash* to impose upon another? But suppose even that does not happen, it must at least end in this, that this poor Tenant's Trash being sold in the Market, with Tobacco of a better Quality, will necessarily strike down the Price of the latter, by not only augmenting the Quantity of the Commodity, but affecting the *general Credit of it*, which is a plain public Injury, and therefore a Fraud. Tobacco is considered among us as a Medium of Commerce, and more or less, in every Part of the Province, passeth in Lieu of Money. We all acknowlege the Necessity of framing the severest Laws, and enforcing the most rigorous Execution of them, against those who counterfeit Money, or diminish from the Weight of it; and would think it unjust, if a Landlord should reserve a Rent of fifty Shillings Sterling, and be paid off in a Coin not Worth fifty Farthings, or indeed in any Coin, not equivalent to the Sum reserved; but yet it seems, there are some among us, who think it, or rather would represent it (to draw them into a Subserviency to their factious Views), as an extream Hardship, that Tenants are not left at large to pay such Rents in *Trash*, as have been reserved in *merchantable* Tobacco.

The Villain who attempts to pass upon me a Coin of a baser Metal for Gold or Silver, it is allowed, ought to be capitally punished; but, alas! what a grievous, what a cruel Severity is it, that *poor Tenants* should not only not be permitted to cheat their Landlords, or at least the Public, but that their darling *Trash Tobacco*, the *Cankerworm* of our Trade, should be destroyed.

I remember to have heard a Story of a Highwayman, who complain'd at the Gallows of the Indistinction of the Law, in inflicting the same Severity and Infamy of Punishment upon Highwaymen, and Housebreakers; the Fellow was laughed at for his Partiality; but might not a Money Coiner, under our Highwayman's Circumstances, with more Reason, exclaim loudly against the partial Rigour of our Laws, to Persons of his Craft?

I know some Landlords, who in their Turn, complain of the Inspection Law, as injurious to their Interests: They are now obliged to accept any Tobacco, that has undergone an Inspection; but before the Law, nothing would satisfy them but the Choice of their Tenants Crop: This could easily be contrived; and that it was the Practice of many Landlords, and *others*, before the Inspection Law, to insist upon, and actually to cull, the Choice of their *Debtors* Crops, no one is ignorant.

The Inspection Law is therefore, so far from being injurious either to *Tenants* or *Landlords*, that had it no other Effect, it ought to be highly valued, for the Equality it establishes between both, since it guards against the Oppression of the one, and the Fraud of the other.

The *Landlord*, who before the Law, was the sole Judge of what Tobacco his *Tenant* ought to pay him, is now obliged to submit to the Determination of the Inspectors, who must be supposed to be indifferent to both, they being under the sacred Obligation of an Oath, to execute their Office with the utmost Impartiality.

As the rest of Mr. *Q*'s admirable Performance, that I have not animadverted upon, has already been obviated by others, and it is not my Purpose to enter into a Detail of the manifold Advantages we have reap'd from the Inspection Law, or a general Discussion of all the Topics, that have been urged for, and against it, I must take my Leave of him, with an unfeigned Declaration, *That I equally admire his Modesty, Candour, and peerless Ingenuity.* *And am, Sir, &c.*

A PLANTER.

FRANCKFORT, April 22.

A Report prevails these two Days in this City, that a Body of Spanish Troops landed in the Island of Corsica immediately on the Departure of the French, and took Possession of the Posts they quitted: But as they neither tell us at what Port they landed, nor give us any Particulars of their Landing and subsequent Reparation, we imagine this Piece of News is a Conjecture of our Politicians, who have given us many concerning the Fate of the Corsicans,

LONDON, *April* 20.

Extract of a Letter from Scotland.

O Yes! and that's e'e Time; O Yes! and that's twaa Times! O Yes! and that's third and last Time: All Manner of Pearson and Pearsons whatsoever, um draw near, and I shall let 'um kenn, that there is a Fair to be held at the muckle Toown of *Langholm* for the Space of aight Days; wherein if any Hustrin, Custrin, Land-Louper, Dub-skouper, or Gang the Gateswinger, shall breed any Urdam, Durdam, Rabblement, Bramblement, or Squabblement; he shall have his Lugs tacked to the muckle Trone, with a Nail of twaa-a-penny, untill he doown of his Hobshanks, and up with his muckle Doaps, and pray to Hea'n, neen times God bless the King, thrice the muckle Loard of Kelton, paying a Groat to me, *Jemmy Ferguson*, Baily of the aforesaid Mannor. So yere heard my Proclamation, and I'll haam to my Danner.

Gosport, April 27. The Officers and Men belonging to the Assurance Man of War have lost all their Effects, but it is hoped the greatest Part of the Merchants Effects, and that the greatest Part of the Merchants Money will be saved, for Buoys and Buoy Ropes are fixed to all the Chests, &c. She struck about half an Hour after Seven in the Morning, and by her beating, the Pumps were presently rendered incapable of being work'd: soon after, three of the Deck Beams broke; about Twelve they cut away her Masts to ease her, when the Sea continued breaking over her, and the Chests swam between Decks: As soon as possible after she struck; a Boat was ready to carry Governor Trelawney and his Lady on Shore to Yarmouth in the Isle of Wight, which was happily effected. No sooner had the Gentleman conveyed his Lady to the House of Thomas Holmes, Esq; than immediately, without refreshing himself (notwithstanding the Badness of the Weather) he set about preserving the People on board the Wreck, for which End he hired two Sloops, and waited on Shore himself to take Care of at their Landing. Carr Scrope, Esq; Captain of the Ship, in this dreadful Dilemma acted with great Conduct, Humanity, and Fortitude, giving his Orders with Calmness and Resolution, seeming regardless of his own Life to save the Ship's Company, who give him the Character of a humane worthy Commander, not using his Men ill himself, nor permitting any one else so to do; all the rest of the Officers behaved in a Manner worthy the Trust reposed in them. Mr. Patterson, the Master of the said Ship, in general bears the Character of a skilful Seaman and Artist, and a worthy, sober, and well behav'd Man.

ANNAPOLIS.

Last Sunday we had several Thunder Gusts; and a Boat which was then going from hence to Talbot *County, with six Persons in her, was taken with a sudden and violent Squall of Wind, about four o'Clock in the Afternoon, within a Mile of the other Shore, which immediately overset and sunk her; and Mrs.* Margaret Flemming *(who was going over with her Husband to her Father's Reaping),* John Gordon, *Blockmaker, a laborious sober Man, and a* French *Refugee, who had been but a Fortnight in the Country, were all three drowned; Mr.* Flemming, *one of his Men, and a Negro Wench, were saved by holding to the Top of the Masts, which were just above Water, 'til they were taken up by a Schooner which happen'd to be at Anchor just within reach of their Call. Soon after they were taken up by the Schooner, there happen'd a Clap of Thunder, at which Mrs.* Flemming's *Body came up to the Top of the Water, and was taken in by her Husband; as she was a loving prudent Wife, about 20 Years of Age, not long married, and about 5 Months advanced in her Pregnancy, his Loss and Trouble must certainly be very great. This is the fourth Time that Boat has been overset; and she has drowned several Persons before this Accident.*

One Day last Week, a Man in Frederick *County, about 4 Miles from the Town, whose Name was* Henry Footney, *having just stept out of his House, at the latter End of a Thunder Gust, to a Gate at about 3 or 4 Yards Distance from the House, to see if the Storm was all over, a Flash of Lightning kill'd him on the Spot as he was leaning on the Gate: One Child out side the Gate close by him was unhurt; one other standing at the Door, and another between him and the House, were both struck down, but soon recovered, and the Rafters at one End of the House were split, and some of the Shingles turn'd the thick End upwards. There was no Mark to be discovered about his Body, only that his Beard was a little singed; for he had a long Beard, being one of the Sect call'd* Dunkers, *who never shave nor clip their Beards.*

We hear that a Ship is just arrived, in eight Weeks from London, *on the other Side the Bay, who brings advice, that our Governor was to sail in Capt.* Cockson, *on the Tuesday after him; so that he may be every Day expected.*

The Managers of the ANNAPOLIS LOTTERY hereby give Notice, That not having as yet received

ceived Accounts of all the Tickets ſent out, and as they cannot poſſibly be prepared, with the Wheels, and other Materials, to draw at the Time appointed, ſo they find it neceſſary to poſtpone the Drawing to a farther Day: And they being deſirous it ſhould be done in a public Time, have appointed the firſt Friday in the next Provincial Court (the 14th of *September* next), at which Time, the Lottery will certainly be drawn, without further poſtponing.

TO BE SOLD,

A PLANTATION ſituate over againſt the *South* River Inſpection Houſe, where the Ships lie to load, about 7 Miles from *Annapolis*, adjoining to the late Mr. *Thomas Worthington*'s and Capt. *Charles Griffith*'s Plantations, and containing by Eſtimation 480 Acres.

Three Lots not built upon, oppoſite to Capt. *Bullen*'s in *Annapolis*.

For Terms, apply to Mr. *Edward Dorſey* and Mr. *William Reynolds*.

Alſo, One Dwelling Houſe and Lot in *Annapolis*, over againſt the Dwelling Houſe of *Edmund Jennings*, Eſq; And

For a Term of Years, a good well built Brick Store Houſe, where Mr. *Weſt* now keeps Store, with a convenient Stable.

For Terms, Enquire of Mr. *Edward Dorſey*.

RAN away on the 24th of *June* laſt, from the Ship *Generous Friend*, *John Sedgwick* Maſter, lying in *South River*, *Charles Cook*, a Seaman, a middle ſiz'd Man, of a brown Complexion, aged 23 Years; has a red Waiſtcoat, and a Wig or Cap.

Whoever apprehends the ſaid *Cook*, and brings him to the Subſcriber, or ſecures him in any Goal, ſhall receive Twenty Shillings Reward, beſides what the Law allows.

John Sedgwick.

RAN away from the Subſcriber, an *Iriſh* Apprentice Lad, named *John Reynolds*, a Ship Carpenter by Trade, about 20 Years of Age, of a ſhort Stature, and whitiſh Complexion, his left Leg bandy, and walks with his Toes inward. Had on when he went away, a Pair of Oſnabrigs Trowſers, Check Shirt, brown Cloth Jacket, Shoes, and Stockings; and took away ſundry other Cloaths: He is ſuppoſed to have made a falſe Indentare in his own or ſome other Man's Name: He is ſuppoſed to have gone off with four *Scotch* Servants, in a Canoe, belonging to Mr. *James Baxter*, whoſe Name is in the Stern.

Whoever brings the ſaid Apprentice to the Subſcriber, ſhall have Forty Shillings Reward, and reaſonable Charges.

Richard Patten.

N. B. All Maſters of Veſſels are forbid to carry him off, at their Peril.

To be Sold, by the Subſcriber, on the Dock *in* Annapolis,

MADEIRA WINE by the Pipe, *Jamaica* RUM, and MELASSES, by the Hogſhead, *Muſcovado* SUGAR by the Caſk or Hundred, *Briſtol* BEER by the Hamper or Dozen; alſo good *Turkey* and *Weſt India* COFFEE, *&c. &c.* at very cheap Rates.

Samuel Middleton.

RAN away from *Rowland Carnan*'s Store, at *Elk Ridge* Landing, an *Iriſh* Indented Servant Man, named *Rowland Dennis*, a Joyner by Trade, about 30 Years of Age, a ſhort well ſet Fellow, of a ſandy Complexion, and has the Brogue on his Tongue. He took with him the following Cloaths, *viz.* a blue Cloth Coat much worn, a good black broad Cloth Waiſtcoat with Glaſs Buttons, a green Frize lapell'd ditto, Leather Breeches, a Caſtor Hat, a green ſtriped Silk Cap, and ſundry other Cloaths. He went away with one *George Bare*, a *Dutchman*, belonging to Capt. *John Dorſey*. 'Tis imagined they went towards *Frederick Town*, as they were ſeen on that Road. Whoever delivers the ſaid Servant to *Rowland Carnan*, at *Elk Ridge* Landing, or to the Subſcriber, at *Baltimore Town*, ſhall receive FIVE PISTOLES Reward, from

John Carnan.

To be LET, 2

And enter'd on immediately, for one, two, or three Years, in the High Street, of Baltimore Town, Maryland,

A GOOD Brick HOUSE, three Rooms on a Floor, with Cellaring, Stabling, *&c.* and a large Garden well paled in. For the Particulars, Enquire of Capt. *James Dobbins*, at the Ferry Branch of *Patapſco*.

IF *Robert Allbrook*, be living in this Province, he is deſired to apply to the Printer hereof, and he will hear of Something worth enquiring after. He deſired his Friends that Letters for him might be directed to be left with *Cornelius Cormack* in *Cæcil* County, *Maryland*. 2

A CERTAIN Perſon has 760 Acres of fine Land, ſituate on *Little Manockeſy*, having Barrens on both Sides, is well water'd, but has no Lime Stone Springs, 200 Acres of which he would ſell (having an inconteſtible Right), and the reſt he would Tenant out in ſmall Parcels, on very reaſonable Terms. Enquire of *Jonas Green*, and know further. 2

To be Sold by Samuel Soumaien, *at his Houſe in* Annapolis,

A NEAT Eight Day Clock, and a Spring Clock which Chimes and Repeats; ſome very valuable Gold, Silver, and Pinchbeck Watches; and all Sorts of Gold and Silver Work, both large and ſmall; Coral Necklaces for Children: Alſo *Cheſhire* Cheeſe; Olives; Capers; Raiſins; Citron; and *Liſbon* Lemons; Muſtard Seed; white Rope for Bed Cords; Diapers for Table Cloths; Sheeting Linnen; and many other Things, at very reaſonable Rates. 4

Bladenſburg, June 27, 1753.

RAN away laſt Night, the three following Servants, *viz.*

William Beall, by Trade a Gardener, about 30 Years of Age, is a ſhort thick well ſet Fellow, with a full broad Face, of a pale ſwarthy Complexion, with brown Hair, and light Hazle Eyes: He has a Scar or Dent on his right Jaw, and a Sore on his right Leg: He was born at *Whitehaven* in the North of *England*, ſpeaks very ſlow, and is a very palavering Fellow.

Thomas Starkie, an *Engliſhman*, about 30 or 35 Years of Age, is a tall well made likely Fellow, has a thin Face, and is of a ſwarthy Complexion, with pretty long black curl'd Hair, and ſmokes a great deal of Tobacco.

Nathaniel Sweeting, born in *London*, about 25 or 30 Years of Age, by Trade a Shoemaker, of a middle Stature, is of a very pale yellow Complexion, has black Eyes, is ſomewhat bloated in the Face, and has ſwelled Legs. Had on when he went away, a brown Cloth Jacket, and a ſtriped Linſey Woolſey Jacket under it, a Check Shirt, a Pair of Oſnabrigs Breeches, a Pair of new turn'd Pumps, and a new Felt Hat.

Whoever takes up the ſaid Runaways, and brings them to the Subſcriber, at *Bladenſburg*, ſhall have TWO PISTOLES Reward for each; and if taken fifty Miles from home, THREE PISTOLES for each, paid by

3 *David Roſs.*

N. B. This is the fifth Time of *Beall*'s running away; he was taken up three Times in *Kent* County, and the laſt Time near *Frederick Town* in *Virginia*. *Starkie* has likewiſe made ſeveral Trips back, and it is thought they have now taken the ſame Road.

JUST IMPORTED,

In the Ship BUCHANAN, *Capt.* JAMES HALL, *from* LONDON, *and to be Sold by the Subſcriber, at his Store in* ANNAPOLIS, *at the upper Corner of* Bloomſbury Square, *fronting* North-Weſt *and* Tabernacle Streets, *and oppoſite to* St. Anne's *Church*,

A LARGE Aſſortment of *European* and *Eaſt India* GOODS; alſo Rum, Sugar, fine Salt, *&c.* and as he intends for *London* this Fall, will ſell very reaſonably.

He likewiſe carries on the Blackſmiths Buſineſs, as before, and has lately purchaſed a compleat Farrier and Blackſmith, who ſerved his Apprenticeſhip in *London*, and has work'd as a Journeyman in ſeveral of the moſt noted Shops. He alſo will make all Sorts of heavy Work, ſuch as Plowſhars, *&c.* for nine Pence *per* Pound; and ſhoes Horſes at one Shilling each Shoe.

William Roberts. 4

July 1, 1753.

RAN away laſt Night from on board the Ship *Briſtol*, Capt. *John Knill*, juſt arrived from *Briſtol*, and lying off *Annapolis* Road, and bound to *Cheſter Town*, the five following Sailors; *viz.* *Robert Mantett*, an *Iriſhman*, and is well ſet; *Luke Charles*, a middle aged and middle ſiz'd Man; *John Stocker*, a luſty, brown complexion'd Fellow, with very thick Lips; *Thomas Seymour* and *Thomas Pope*, luſty Fellows; the four laſt are *Engliſhmen*. They had good Sailors Cloaths. 2

Whoever takes up the ſaid Sailors, or any of them, and brings them to the ſaid Ship, or ſecures them in any Goal, and gives Notice to the Subſcriber, ſhall have a PISTOLE Reward for each Sailor, ſo brought or ſecured, paid by

Thomas Ringgold.

WILLIAM BICKNELL,

SAIL-MAKER, in ANNAPOLIS,

HEREBY gives Notice to any Gentlemen who want to have any SAILS made, either for Ships, Snows, Brigs, Schooners, or Sloops, that they may depend on having as good Work done by him, as cheap, and as well fitted, as any brought from *Europe*; having already done the following, to the Satisfaction of his Employers, *viz.* Sails for one Ship, two Brigantines, one Sloop, and a Schooner, for Mr. *Galloway*; two Snows and a Brigantine, for Dr. *Steuart*; one Ship, one Snow, and a Sloop, for Mr. *Roberts*; one Brig each, for Mr. *Ridgely* and Mr. *Sligh*; and a great deal of Work for Mr. *Creagh*, and many others, too tedious to mention. His Price for Work by the Bolt, is 7*s.* 6*d.* Sterling, or equal to that in Currency: If by the Job, as he can agree. He likewiſe makes Bed Bottoms, if the Employer finds Canvas, at 8*s.* or, if he finds it, at 20*s.* And his Employers may depend on being ſerved with Fidelity, by 4

Their humble Servant,

William Bicknell.

N. B. He has a Servant Man from *London*, who can make or mend Seines or Nets.

JUST IMPORTED,

In the UNITY, *Capt.* THOMAS ASKEW, *from* LONDON, *and to be Sold by the Subſcriber, at his Store, in* ANNAPOLIS,

A SORTABLE Parcel of *European* and *Eaſt India* GOODS; alſo Anchors, Cables, ſmall Cordage, and Sail Duck, at reaſonable Rates, by Wholeſale or Retale, for Paper Money, Gold, Silver, or Bills of Exchange. X 4

Nicholas Maccubbin.

STOLEN from *Sparrow*'s Point, in *Baltimore* County, the ſecond of this Inſtant, a Canoe of the following Dimenſions, *viz.* twenty eight Feet Keel, two Feet and a half Beam; goes with four Oars painted, a Locker in the Stern, ſix Seats, pay'd with Turpentine, and wall ſided; has a Chain and Lock, and a Gaſcot. Whoever ſecures the ſaid Canoe, and brings her to the Subſcriber, ſhall have a reaſonable Reward, paid by 5

John Perveal.

London Town, June 14, 1753.

RAN away from the Subſcribers, on Tueſday Morning laſt, the two following Servant Men; *viz.*

Philip Williams, an Indented Servant, a Cabinet and Chairmaker by Trade, about 5 Feet 5 Inches high, much pitted with the Small Pox, very dark Complexion, black Eyes, his under Lip on the left Side of his Mouth very thick, which ſomewhat hinders his Speech: He had on an old Hat and grey Wig, a *German* Serge Coat much ſpotted with Tar, a brown Linnen Jacket and Breeches, new Pumps, new Thread Stockings, and a very good white Shirt.

Henry Gibbons, a Carpenter, about the ſame Height with *Williams*, ſtoops much forward in his Walking, looks mild, and ſeldom ſpeaks without ſmiling; one Toe of his left Foot lies over the others: He had on a new Oſnabrigs Jacket, Shirt, and Trowſers (the Jacket without Buttons), a new Felt Hat, an old Silk Cap, and old Shoes. 5

Whoever takes up the ſaid Runaways, or either of them, and ſecures them ſo as their Maſters may have them again, ſhall have a PISTOLE Reward for each, beſides what the Law allows.

William Brown,
James Diſney.

N. B. It is ſuppoſed they are gone towards the Eaſtern Shore, having taken a Schooner Boat, belonging to *William Chiffin*.

June 4, 1753.

RAN away from the Subſcribers, living on the lower End of *Kent Iſland*, the following Convict Servants, *viz.*

Thomas Jones, a *Welchman*, about 40 Years of Age, is a ſhort well ſet Man, has a long Noſe a little crooked, Part of his Head is bald, his Eyes are very weak, and is hard of hearing. He has taken a large Sum of Money with him; the Perſon or Perſons taking him up, are deſired to ſecure what Money he has left.

Margaret Vyans, a tall luſty Woman, born in *Ireland*, has a flat Face, black curl'd Hair, hazle Eyes, and is freckled. Had on a ſtriped Kerſey Country made Petticoat, a quilted Petticoat very much worn, an Oſnabrigs Shirt, an old ſtamp'd Linnen Gown, and a Pair of blue Worſted Stockings. 5

They have Variety of Cloaths.

Whoever takes up the ſaid Servants, and brings them to their Maſters, ſhall have Twenty Shillings Currency Reward for each, beſides what the Law allows, paid by

John Collar,
Henry Weedon.

Maryland, Patapſco, June 4, 1753.

EIGHT PISTOLES REWARD.

RAN away from the *Baltimore* Iron Works, on Saturday Night laſt, being the 2d Inſtant, two *Engliſh* Convict Servant Men, belonging to *Charles Carroll*, Eſq; and Company; *viz. John Williams*, born in *Herefordſhire*, and bred a Farmer, aged about 30 Years, of a brown Complexion, middle Stature, well ſet, has a broad Face, a great Blemiſh in one of his Eyes, ſpeaks broad, and his Head lately ſhaved.

John Oulton, born in the Country, but bred moſtly in *London*, ſpeaks good *Engliſh*, is likewiſe of middle Stature, but a ſmaller Man than *Williams*, is a ſmooth ſpoken Fellow, of a whitiſh Complexion, light Hair, and pretty much pock mark'd. They have left moſt of their working Cloaths behind them, and ſtole the following; *viz.* a long ſkirted white Cloth Coat pretty much worn, trimm'd with white Metal Buttons, and double breaſted, a Felt Hat, a Pair of white Yarn Stockings, two white Shirts, two Pair of Negro Shoes, a Pair of neat wooden heel'd Pumps, a new Bear ſkin Coat of a darkiſh Colour, trimm'd with Metal Buttons, a brown Cloth Waiſtcoat without Sleeves, a Pair of ſtriped Holland Breeches, two odd Buckles, two or three Pair of new Crocus Trowſers, a brown and a grizzle Wig, and may have other Things. 6

They have taken with them two Cart Horſes, both Bay; one of them pretty large, and very old, but cannot remember the Brand, and gaul'd a little on the Shoulders; the other a well turn'd Horſe, in good Order, about nine Years old, a Star in his Forehead, both of them bob'd ſhort, and ſhod all round, and the Shoes ſtampt thus, *

Whoever ſecures the ſaid Runaways in any Goal, within 30 Miles from ſaid Works, ſhall have Fifty Shillings for each; if 50 Miles from ſaid Works, Three Pounds Ten Shillings for each; and if taken out of the Province, Four Piſtoles for each; and reaſonable Charges, if brought home.

Richard Croxall.

To be Sold by the Subſcriber, in ANNAPOLIS,

A SCHOONER, which will carry 500 Buſhels, with Sails, Rigging, *&c.* fit for the Bay Trade.

As alſo, A good Flat, which will carry Twelve Hogſheads of Tobacco, or Six Cords of Wood. X 6

The Subſcriber has alſo purchaſed a very good Silverſmith and Jeweller, who can do any Thing in that Way: He likewiſe makes all Manner of Mourning Rings, as well as can be made in *London*; and all Perſons wanting any Thing made, or mended, may depend on being faithfully ſerved, by *Their humble Servant*,

John Inch.

To be SOLD cheap,

A LARGE new COPPER KETTLE, which holds about 90 Gallons; alſo large Iron bound BUTTS holding about 300 Gallons each. Enquire of the Printer hereof. 6

ALL Perſons indebted to the Eſtate of Mr. *Zachariah Maccubbin*, deceaſed, are deſired to make Payment; and all Claims againſt the ſaid Eſtate are deſired to be brought in, to

X 6 *Nicholas Maccubbin*, Exe-

RAN away from Capt. *William Tippell*, ſometime in *March* laſt, the two following Servants, *viz.*

George Godfrey, a *Scotchman*, about 25 or 26 Years of Age, of a ſwarthy Complexion, is pitted with the Small Pox, and of a middle Stature: Had on when he went away, an old Waiſtcoat, Check Shirt, and Trowſers.

John Williams, about the ſame Age, a Leather Breeches Maker, and is a ſhort well-ſet Fellow: Had on a Coat made of Drillings, and a Wig: They paſs for Sailors that have been caſt away; and were ſeen at *St. Jerom's*, in *St. Mary's* County; and it is ſuppoſed they are gone towards *York*, in *Virginia*.

Whoever takes up the ſaid Servants, and ſecures them, ſo that they may be had again, ſhall have Two Piſtoles Reward for each, beſides what the Law allows, paid by

9 *Samuel Galloway.*

JAMES HUTCHINGS,
Living at Cow Pen Point, *on* Kent Iſland,

HEREBY acquaints the Public, That he will now Ferry over to *Annapolis*, a ſingle Horſe and Man in one Boat for *Twelve Shillings and Six pence*; a ſingle Man for *Seven and Six pence*; and if more than one, then at *Five Shillings* a Piece. Having good Boats and Hands; and conſtant Attendace is given, and Gentlemen may have good Entertainment for themſelves, Servants, and Horſes, as uſual, from

Their humble Servant,
James Hutchings.

To be Sold by the ſaid *Hutchings*, a good SAILING BOAT, 21 Feet Keel, 8 Feet Beam, and near 4 Feet deep, with Sails and Rigging.

NOTICE is hereby given, That the Subſcriber, living on *Suſquehanna*, within a Mile of the Lower Ferry, has ſet up the Invention of Turning of Mill Irons, and Grinding of Axes, by Water: And makes or repairs either of thoſe Articles, very cheap, for ready Money, Wheat, *London* Steel, or Feathers; and will engage to make as good and ſubſtantial Work, well ſteel'd and turn'd off, after the beſt Manner, as can be done in *Philadelphia*, or any where elſe: His Work to be delivered either at *Charles Town* Wharff, or at the ſaid Ferry, as his Employers ſhall direct, *Their humble Servant,*

X 12. *Amos Evans.*

JUST IMPORTED,

In the EAGLE, *Capt.* JOHN WHITE, *from* LONDON, *and to be SOLD by the Subſcriber, at his Store in* ANNAPOLIS, *at very little Profit either Wholeſale or Retale, for Bills of Exchange, Gold, Silver, Paper Money, or Tobacco,*

A LARGE Aſſortment of *European* and *Eaſt India* GOODS, Sail Cloth of all Sorts, Anchors of all Sizes from half a hundred to ſeven hundred, Cables, running Rigging, Bolt Rope, Sail Twine, all Kinds of Lines, and Ship Chandlery: Alſo ſeveral Parcels of Cutlery, ſorted in Boxes, of about 16 *l.* prime Coſt.

11 *Stephen Weſt.*

WHEREAS Madam *Margaret Ward*, deceaſed, by her laſt Will, did deviſe One hundred Pounds Sterling to ſuch of her Relations on the Weſtern Shore as *Richard Bennett*, Eſq; deceaſed, ſhould direct; and in Caſe he ſhould die before the Payment thereof, then to ſuch of her Relations as I ſhould direct; and as Mr. *Bennett* did not direct to whom the ſaid Money ſhould be paid, and as it is unknown to me who of her Relations are in the moſt neceſſitous Condition; theſe are, therefore, to deſire her ſaid Relations to repair to me, at *Annapolis*, in the ſecond Week of the next General Aſſembly, in order that I may direct the Payment of the ſaid Money, as near as may be, according to the Intent of the Teſtatrix.

12 *Edward Lloyd.*

RAN away from the Ship *Loyal Judith*, Capt. *Malachy Foot* Commander, now lying in *Patuxent* River, three Indented Servants; *viz.*

John Archer, about 5 Feet 5 Inches high, a pale Complexion, a ſtrong well let Man, and is of a good Behaviour. Had on when he went away, a light colour'd Coat, Leather Breeches, and a dark Wig. It is ſuppoſed he has a forged Paſs.

John Weldon, a Houſe Carpenter and Joyner, a luſty well made Man, about 5 Feet 8 Inches high. Had on when he went away, a blue Jacket and red Breeches. 8

Thomas Smith, a Cook, about 5 Feet 6 Inches high; he has a light colour'd Coat, and black Jacket; but it is ſuppoſed he travels in a Sailor's Habit.

It is imagined they will make for *Philadelphia*, as *Weldon* has been in the Country before, and knows the Road that Way.

Whoever takes up the ſaid Runaways, ſhall have Twenty Shillings Reward for each, beſide what the Law allows, paid by

David Arnold,
at *Lower Marlborough.*

WHEREAS there is a Vacancy for a Maſter in *Queen Anne's* County School: Any Perſon profeſſing himſelf a Member of the Church of *England*, and capable of teaching Grammar, Mathematics, Arithmetic, and good Writing, applying to the Viſitors of ſaid School, will meet with as much Encouragement as the Law relating to Free Schools will ſupport them in. 28

Signed per *Order*,
Nathan Wright, Reg.

SCHEME
OF A
LOTTERY,

For raiſing the Sum of THREE HUNDRED PISTOLES, for purchaſing a TOWN CLOCK, and cleaning and ſecuring the DOCK, in ANNAPOLIS.

Numb. of Prizes.	*Value in Piſtolet.*		*Total.*
1	of 100	is	100
2	of 50	are	100
4	of 30	are	120
6	of 20	are	120
8	of 10	are	80
55	of 4	are	220
175	of 2	are	350
900	of 1	are	900
1	firſt drawn		5
1	laſt drawn		5
1153	Prizes,		2000
3447	Blanks		

4600 Tickets, at Half a Piſtole each, amount to 2300 Piſtoles, from which deduct 300, there will remain to pay off the Prizes, 2000 Piſtoles. 2

The Drawing to begin on the 14th Day of *September* next, or ſooner, if ſooner full, in the Court-Houſe, at *Annapolis*, in the Preſence of at leaſt three of the Managers, and as many of the Adventurers as ſhall think fit to attend; and continue Drawing 'til finiſh'd.

A Liſt of the Prizes to be publiſhed in the *Maryland Gazette*, as ſoon as the Drawing is compleated, that the Adventurers may know the Fate of their Tickets.

The Money to be paid to the Fortunate as ſoon as the Drawing is finiſh'd; and all Prizes not demanded in eight Months after Drawing, to be deemed as generouſly given for the above Purpoſes.

The Managers appointed, are *Benjamin Tasker*, jun. *George Steuart*, *Walter Dulany*, and *Edward Dorſey*, Eſqrs. Dr. *Alexander Hamilton*, Meſſieurs *Robert Swan*, *Lancelot Jacques*, *William Reynolds*, *Samuel Soumaien*, *Beale Bordley*, *James Maccubbin*, *James Johnſon*, and *Jonas Green*, who have given Security, and are upon Oath for the faithful Diſcharge of their Truſt.

The Whole to be conducted, as near as may be in the ſame Manner as the State Lotteries in *England*.

Tickets to be had of any of the Managers.

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